District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



I hope you and your family are enjoying the summer! Here are some items that may be of interest to you.

Telephone Town Hall Meeting – On July 17th, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM, I will hold a Telephone Town Hall Meeting with the City Manager. To join in, you can call Toll Free 1-855-269-4484. The meeting is open to everyone. Please feel free to express your ideas, ask a question, or listen in. This is part of our citywide visioning initiative and your participation is key to its success. Future Telephone Town Hall Meetings: Wednesday, August 1st; Thursday, September 6th; and Friday, September 14th.

<u>State of the City</u> – Mayor Seiler's State of the City Address is now online. To watch the video, which was taped on June 28th at the Museum of Discovery and Science, please go to http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/commission/bios/seiler.htm. See, also, http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/documents/annual reports/state of the city.pdf.

Proposed City Budget – The City Manager submitted the first draft of the proposed FY 2013 Annual Operating Budget for Commission review on July 10th. We tentatively set the millage rate at the same level as last year, with no increase in the annual Fire Assessment Fee. Several issues need to be worked out, and your input would be welcome on August 21st, September 5th, and September 18th, during our regular Commission Meetings, beginning at 6:00 PM at City Hall – First Floor Chambers, and on August 27th, at the Joint Quarterly Workshop with the Budget Advisory Board at 7:00 PM in the 8th Floor Conference Room at City Hall. To access the budget online, see http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/documents/budget.htm.

2013 NCIP and BCIP Grant Cycle – The grant cycle for the City's Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP) and the Business Capital Improvement Program (BCIP) is now open and closes on Friday, September 28th. The goal of these programs is to provide matching grant funds for the construction of capital improvements, which beautify neighborhoods and enhance quality of life for those who live, work, and visit the City. For details and to submit an application online, go to http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/neighborhoods/NCIP/ncip.htm.

District IV Transportation Projects -

- ❖ Broward Boulevard: Broward County will be repaying Broward Boulevard east of US 1 between SE 10th Avenue and SE 12th Avenue, from Monday, July 9th, through Friday, August 17th, barring unforeseen conditions or weather delays. For more information, please see http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/news/2012/070312broward.htm. For more information, call 954-357-6040.
- ❖ **SE 17th Street / A1A:** FDOT will be holding another Construction Open House on the SE 17th Street / A1A project (repaying from Eisenhower Boulevard to Cordova Road). This is set for 6:00 8:00 PM on Wednesday, July 17th, at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 in the Chairman's Executive Board Room.
- ❖ **The Wave:** On Monday, July 30th, there will be an interagency Public Hearing on The Wave Streetcar. The hearing will be held at Fort Lauderdale City Hall in the First Floor Chambers. The Open House begins at 6:00 PM, with a formal presentation at 6:30 PM, followed by public comment. The first phase of The Wave will have streetcars running along a 2.7-mile stretch through Downtown Fort Lauderdale. For additional details, please go to http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/press_releases/2012/061912beeton_wave.htm.

<u>Summer Recess Reminder</u> – Summer recess began on Wednesday, July 11th; regular Commission Meetings will resume on Tuesday, August 21st, with my Pre-agenda Meeting on Monday, August 20th.

Customer Satisfaction Survey - See http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/sustainable_dev/pdf/2012/DSD_Survey.pdf.

DATES TO REMEMBER -

- Saturday, July 14th, at 9:00 AM, 827 SE 2nd Street: The Richard Mancuso Greenway Dedication.
- Saturday, August 4th, at 8:00 AM: You can help our Parks & Recreation Department assemble the plastic, slatted, trash and recycle receptacles for the beach. The work will be done at the Parks & Rec office at 1350 W. Broward Boulevard. Tools will be provided. NCIP / BCIP points and community-service hours can be earned by participants.

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